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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: SEPTEMBER 1-12

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1. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY APRIL 22 TO DISCUSS WITH PATRICK MCCABE, COUNSELOR AT IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF THE SEPTEMBER 1-12 UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON "DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION". MCCABE IS KEY OFFICIAL IN FORMULATING GOI POLICIES ON THIS AND SIMILAR ECONOMIC TOPICS.

2. MCCABE AGREED WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEW THAT RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER COMMODITIES WILL LOOM LARGE IN LDC THINKING AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. FURTHERMORE, THE IRISH ALSO SHARE OUR APPREHENSION OVER POSSIBILITY THAT LDC'S WILL ATTEMPT TO USE STEAMROLLER TACTICS, AND THEY SHARE OUR DESIRE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. MCCABE THOUGHT THAT LDC'S MIGHT BRING UP THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

A. "INTEGRATED APPROACH" - THAT IS, ATTACKING PROBLEMS ON A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GLOBAL BASIS

B. DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT FOR LDC EXPORTS - MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR LDC EXPORTS IN GENERAL, INCLUDING SUCH SPECIAL MEASURES AS GSP.

C. PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS

D. RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES.

E. SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

3. REGARDING THE EC POSITION ON 7TH SS, MCCABE SAID MUCH WORK HAS YET TO BE DONE. EC DOES NOT HAVE CLEAR, AGREED POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES EXPECTED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. COREPAR, MCCABE ADDED, WILL DISCUSS THE 7TH SS AGENDA BUT NO TIMETABLE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE IS AN EC WORKING GROUP DEALING WITH RAW MATERIALS THAT WILL DEVELOP SOME INPUTS ON THAT ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM.

4. TURNING TO IRISH GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE, MCCABE SAID IRISH BELIEVE EC MUST GO FURTHER IN MEETING LDC DEMANDS. THEY ACCEPT A LARGER ROLL FOR LDC'S IN THE WORLD ECONOMY. GOI BELIEVES WE CANNOT AFFORD A SERIES OF CONFRONTATIONS, AND CONSENSUS IS NEEDED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ENERGY PREPCON FAILURE IN PARIS.

GOI AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH IDEA OF STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS AS WELL AS NOTION OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR". AS FOR INDEXATION IRISH DO NOT PARTICULARLY CARE FOR IT BUT WOULD BE WILLING AT LEAST TO GIVE IT FURTHER CONSIDERATION. FINALLY GOI, LIKE USG, DOES NOT WISH TO CHANGE UN CHARTER.

5. FOREGOING REPRESENTS VERY PRELIMINARY THINKING OF IRISH GOVERNMENT ON 7TH SS. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MCCABE AND WILL REPORT AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.
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